



# **Modifikation von (D)DES basierend auf einer Detektion von anliegenden Grenzschichten und Strömungsablösung**

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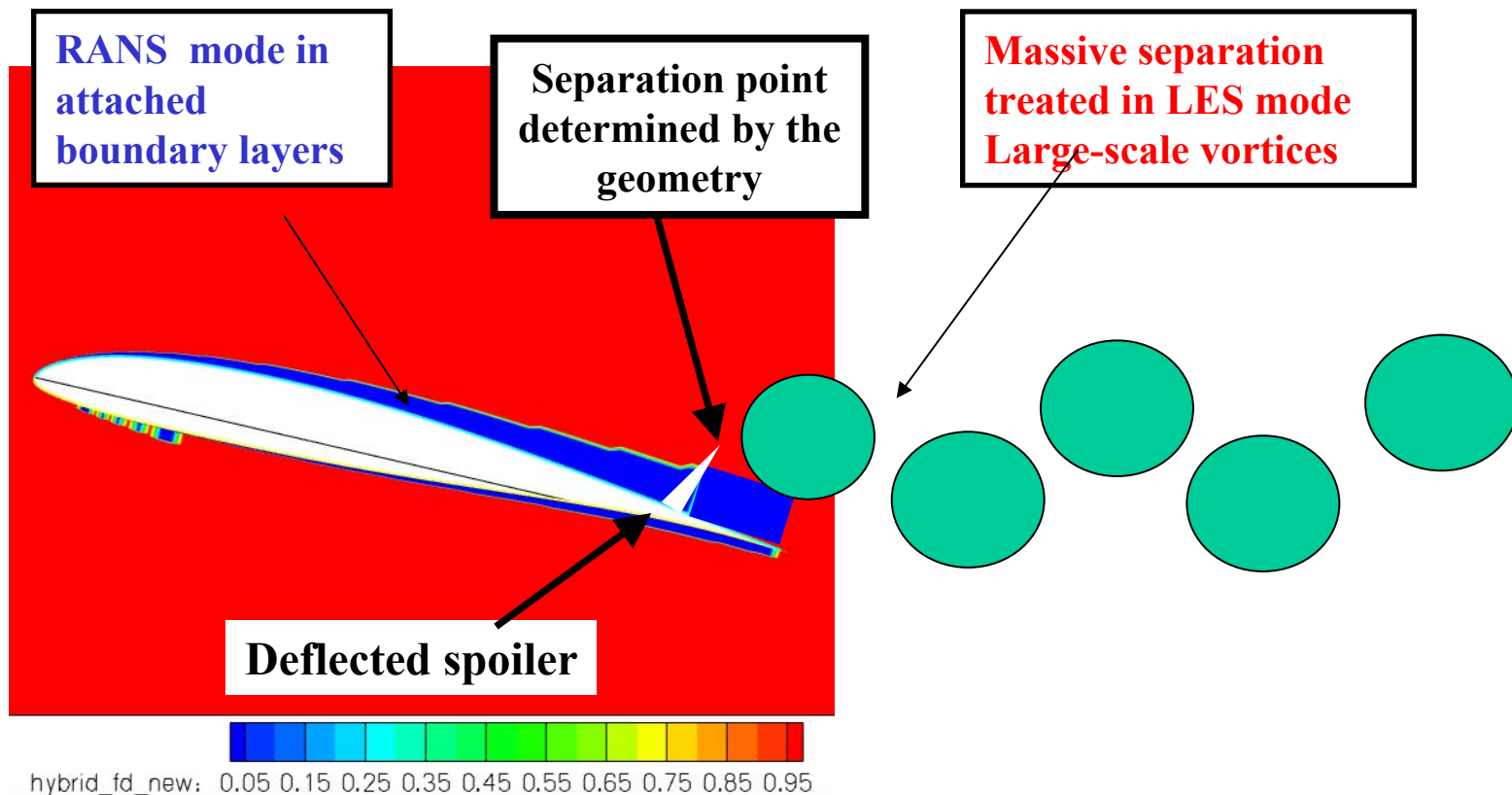
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# Design application for Detached-Eddy Simulation (DES)

Claim of (D)DES:

- Attached boundary layers treated in RANS modus,
- LES in outer flow regions of large-scale separation



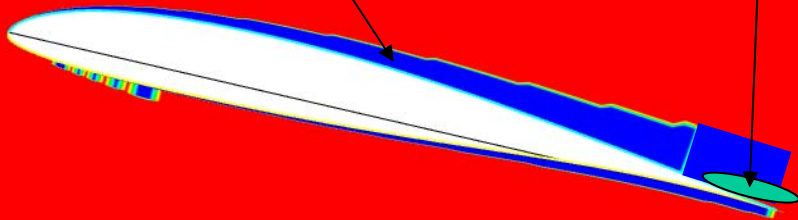
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# What is the potential of DES for flows with small separation?

- Thin separation regions inside the boundary layer at the boundary of the flight envelope
  - Incipient separation at landing/take-off
  - Shock buffet at transonic cruise
- DES97, DDES are not conceived for this flow situation

**RANS mode in  
attached  
boundary layers**

**Thin separation  
region in case of  
incipient separation**



## Subject of this talk:

- DES for flows with small separation
- Description of shortcomings of standard DDES for flows with incipient separation
- Modification of standard DDES to overcome these problems

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# **Shortcomings of SA-(D)DES for flows over airfoils close to stall at incipient separation (high-lift)**



# Shortcoming 1: DDES underpredicts the boundary layer thickness in case of a strong adverse pressure gradient

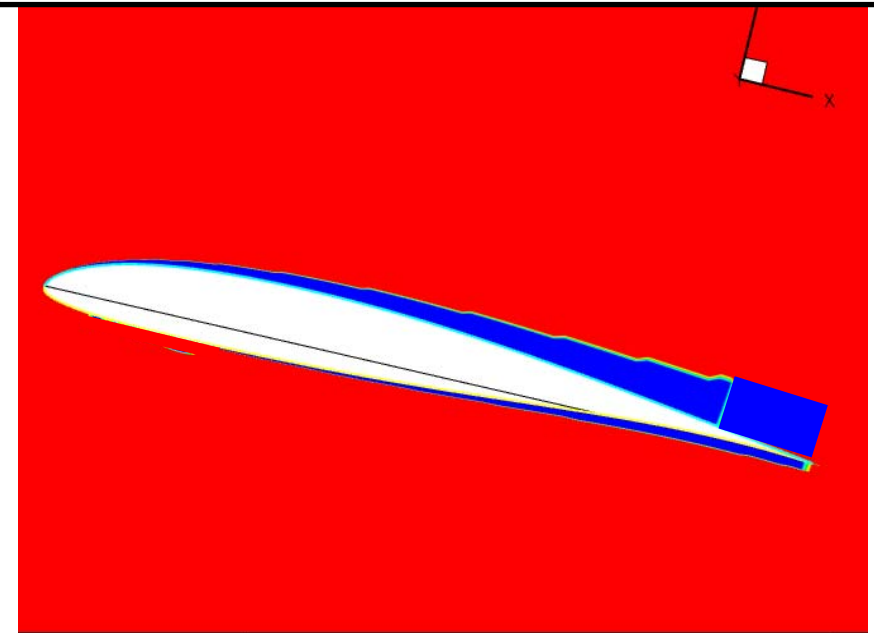
Boundary layer thickness detected using the fd-function of DDES is much too thin



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## Step 1:

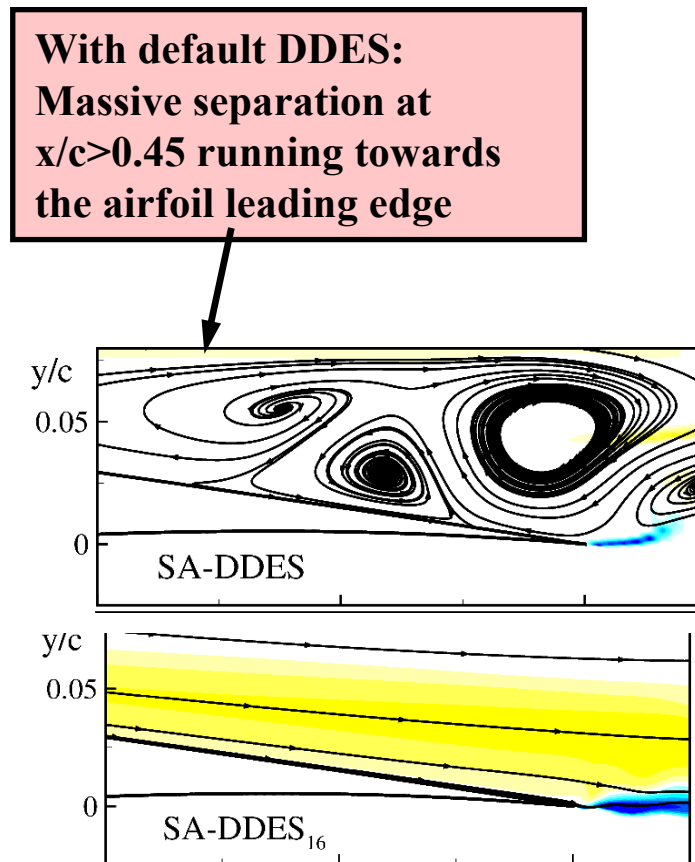
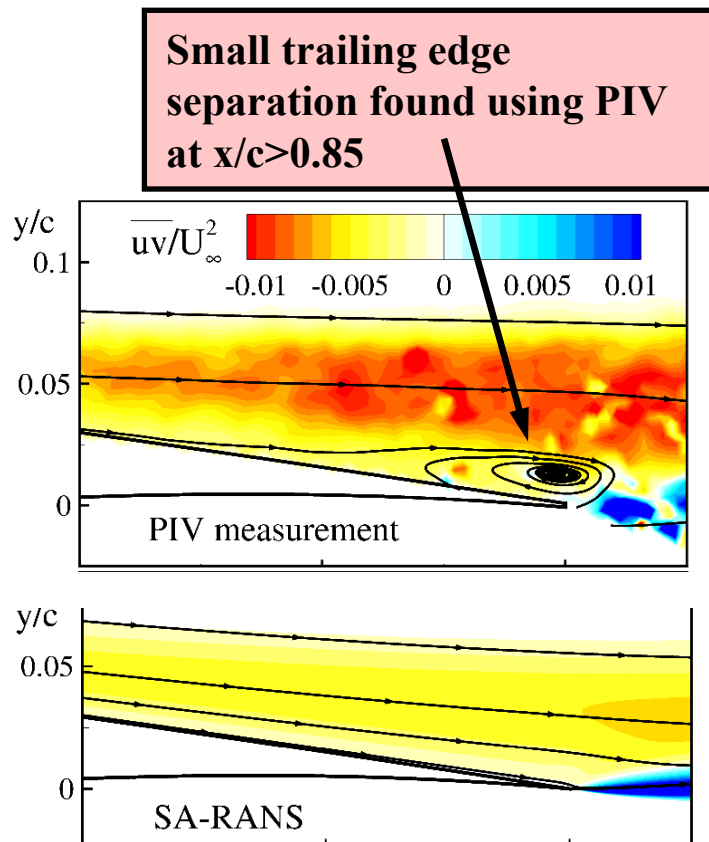
- Detect the thickness of attached boundary layers properly
- E.g.:  $\delta_{99}$ , where  $U_{\text{edge}}$  is computed using the compressible version of Bernoulli's eq.



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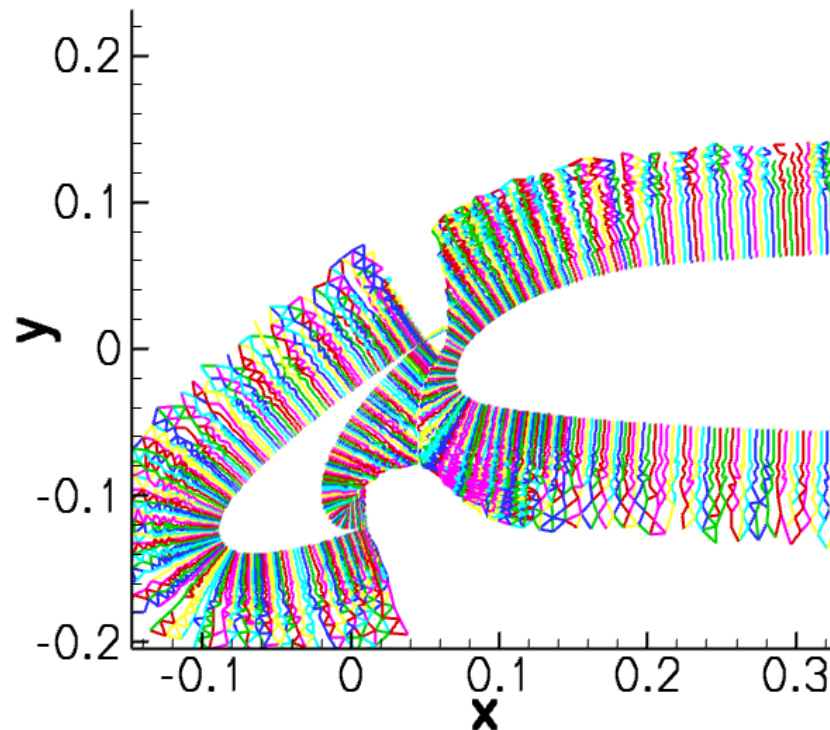
# Shortcoming 1: Too early flow separation for HGR01 airfoil because $f_d$ underpredicts the boundary layer thickness

➤ HGR01 airfoil at  $Re=0.65\text{Mio}$ ,  $Ma=0,07$ , incidence  $\alpha=12^\circ$



# Extension of the unstructured flow solver TAU

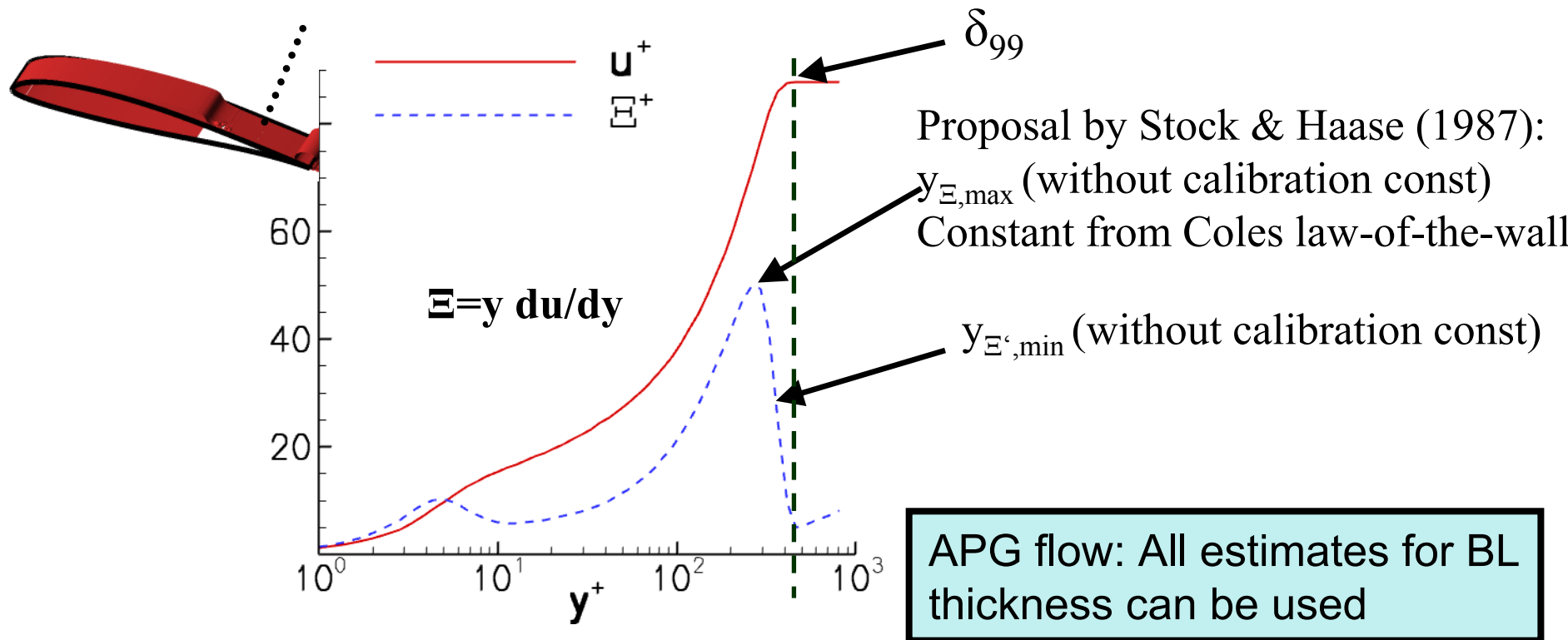
- New data structure: Approximative wall-normal rays for each wall-node
  - Computation of integral boundary layer quantities in wall normal direction
  - Study the form of velocity profiles in wall-normal directions





# Velocity profiles and implications for algebraic estimates of the boundary layer thickness

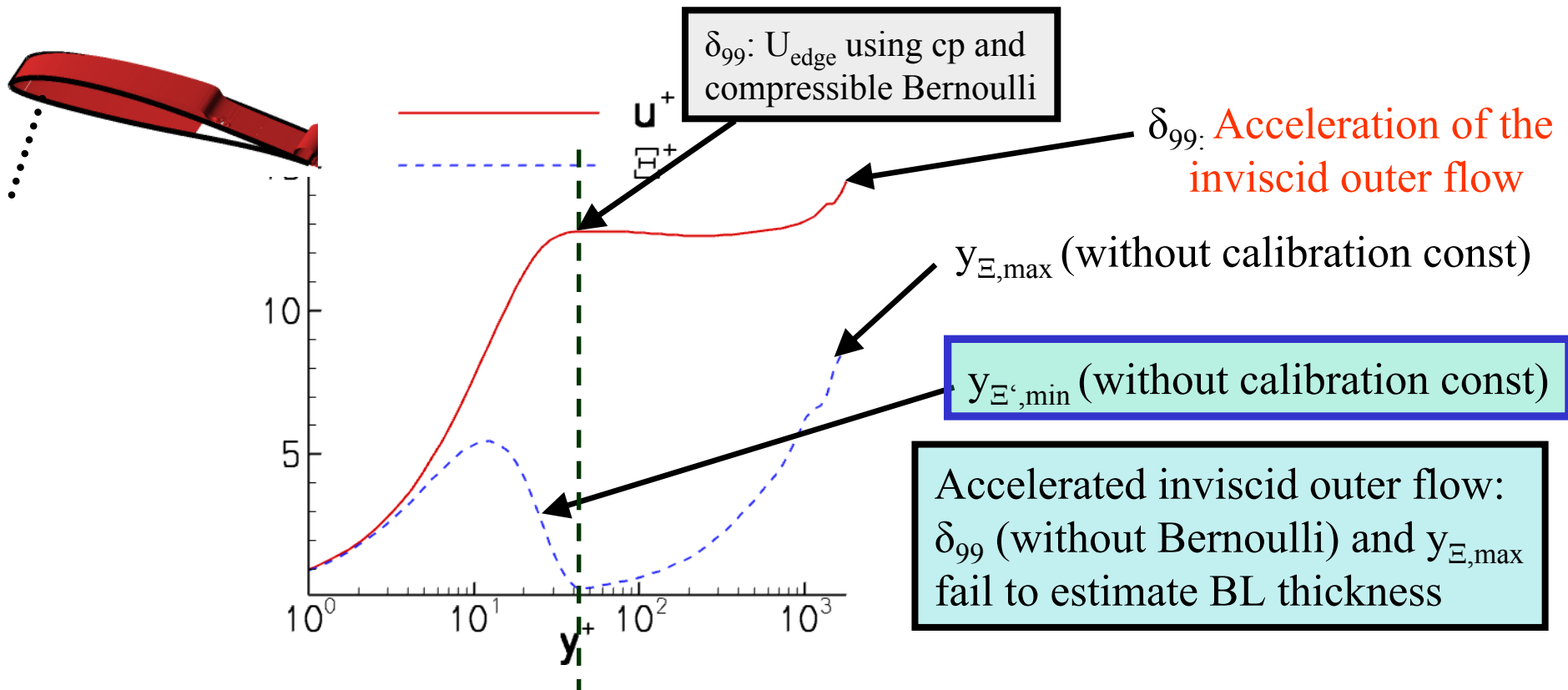
- HGR01 airfoil at  $\alpha=13^\circ$ ,  $Re=0.65\text{Mio}$ ,  $Ma=0.07$
- **Suction side at  $x/c=0.79$ :** Decelerated flow (adverse pressure gradient, APG)





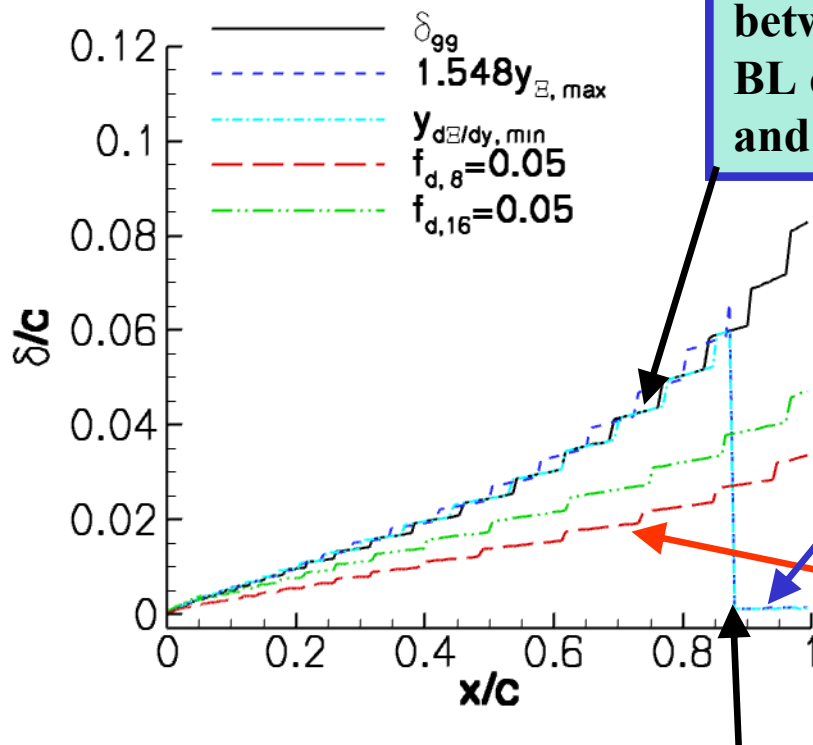
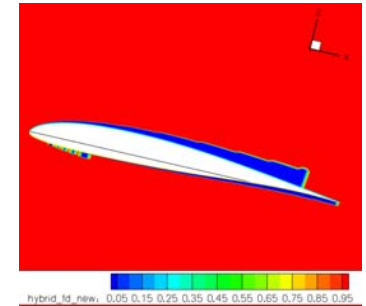
# Velocity profiles and implications for algebraic estimates of the boundary layer thickness

- HGR01 airfoil at  $\alpha=13^\circ$ ,  $Re=0.65\text{Mio}$ ,  $Ma=0.07$
- **Pressure side at  $x/c=0.11$ :** Accelerated flow (favourable pressure gradient, FPG)



# HGR01-airfoil: Estimation of boundary layer thickness

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- Suction side: Decelerated flow (adverse pressure gradient, APG)



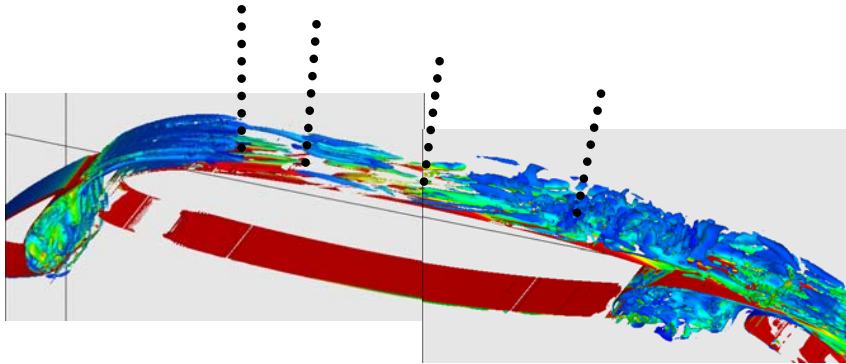
Good agreement  
between algebraic  
BL estimates  $y_{E',min}$   
and  $y_{E,max}$  and  $\delta_{99}$

Both algebraic BL  
estimates drop down in  
the separation region

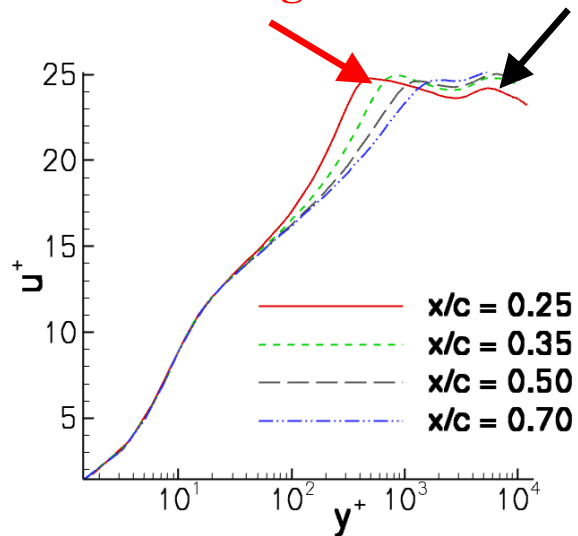
$f_d$  significantly underestimates  
the growth of the BL thickness  
in streamwise direction,  
Independent of factor 8 or 16

Flow separation

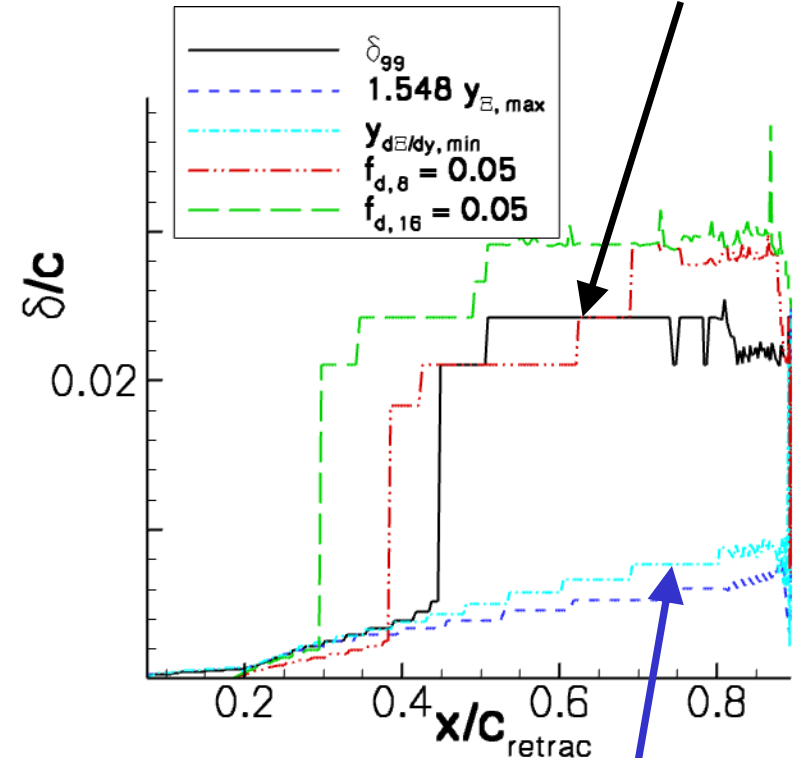
# F15 with prescribed transition. Wing upper side



**Attached wing BL**      Free-shear layer



$\delta_{99}$  detects the thickness of the free-shear layer (slat wake and convected slat BL)



$y_{E, \min}$  and  $y_{E, \max}$  still detect the thickness of the attached wing BL

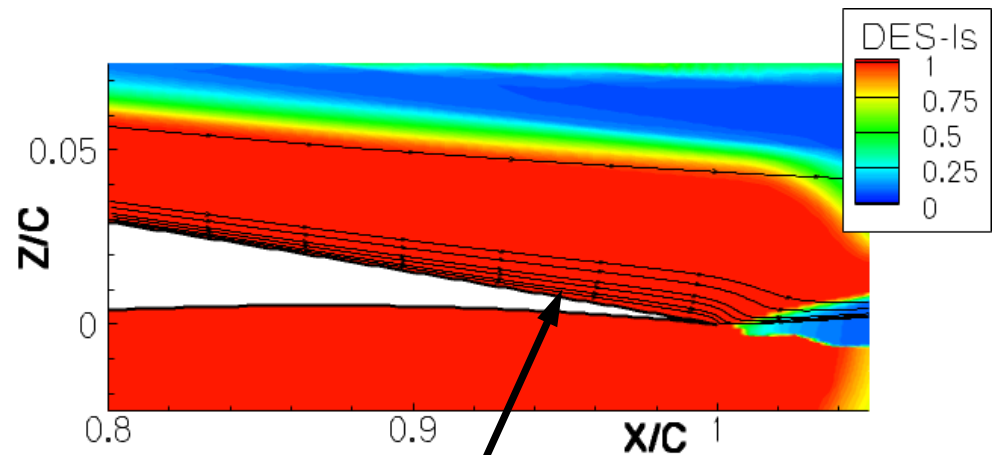


# Shortcoming 2: Thin separation regions treated in RANS

$\alpha=14\text{deg}$

**Red:** formal RANS-region of the DES

**Blue:** formal LES-region of the DES



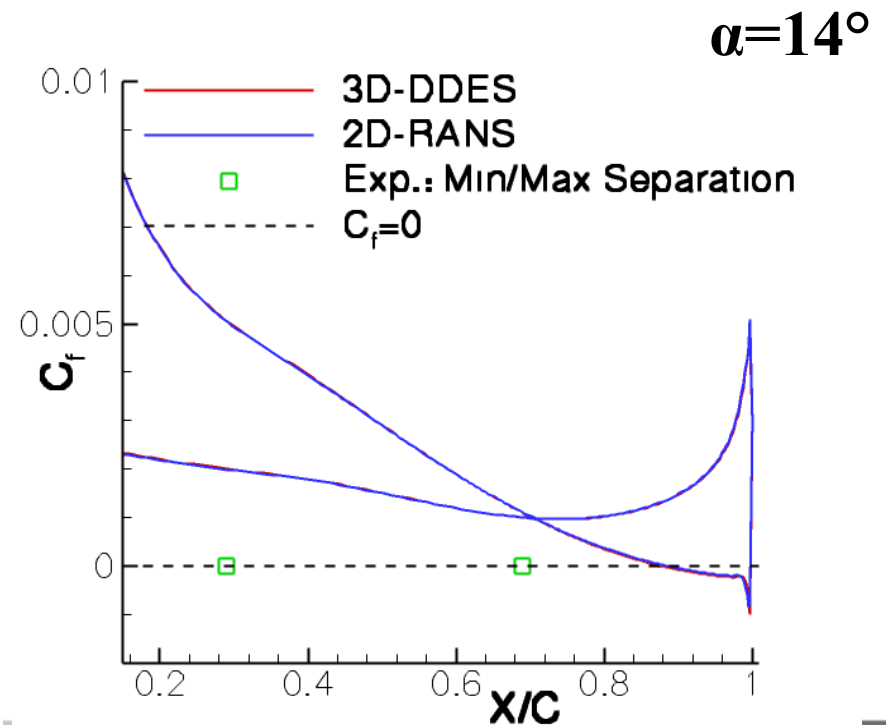
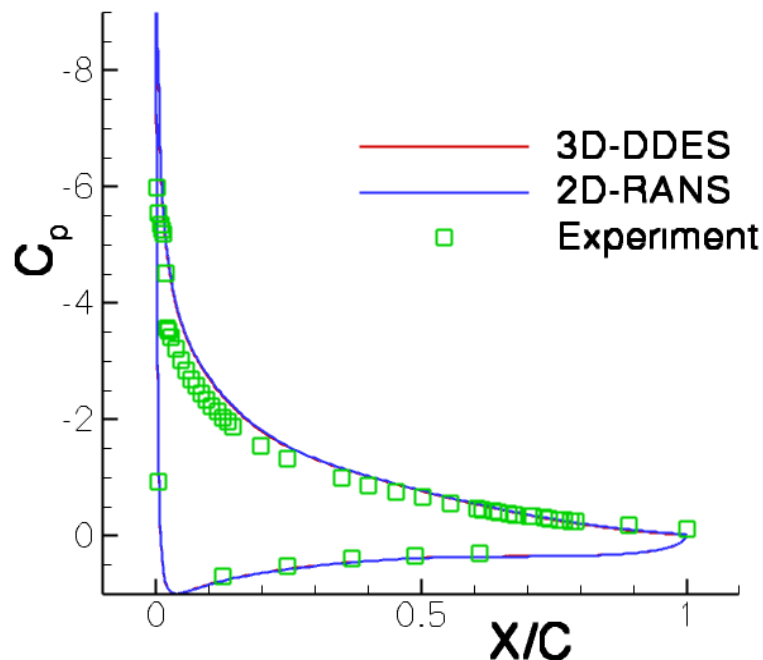
**Very thin separation region near the trailing edge  
lying completely in the RANS region**



## Shortcoming 2: Thin separation regions treated in RANS

➤ DDES-16 gives practically the same result as SA-RANS

### Results by Christoph Wolf (DLR AS-CA)

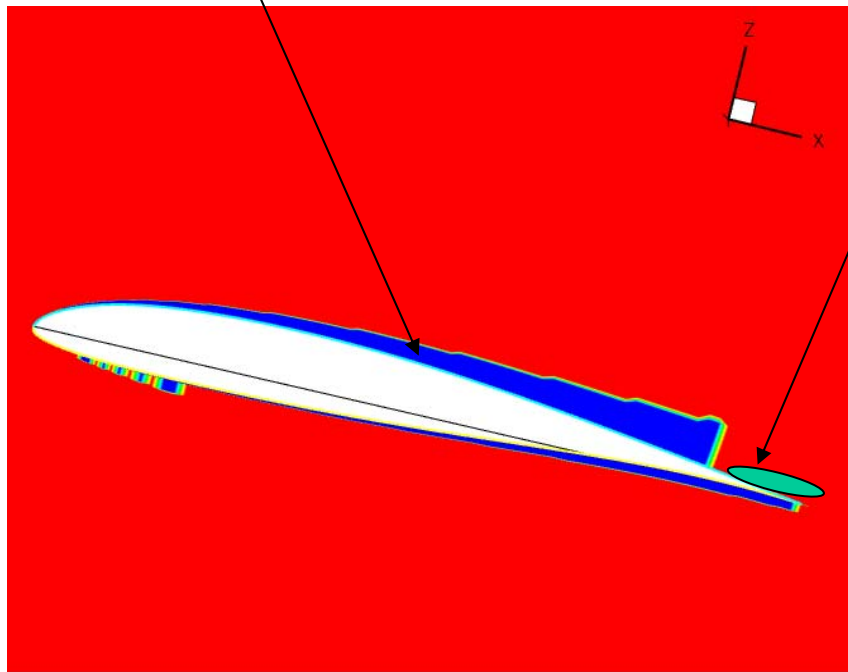


# Aim: Detect separation and switch to LES mode

**Step 1: Detect the entire attached boundary layer**

**Step 2:**

- Detect regions of separated flow
- Switch to LES mode



**Challenge: How to detect**

- the separation point?
- regions of separated flow?

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# How to detect flow separation?

**Focus here: pressure-induced flow separation on smooth surfaces**

- **low-speed flows (not shock-induced separation)**
- **separation point not determined by the geometry**

- Characteristic parameters for boundary layers at adverse pressure gradient
  - Pressure gradient parameters  $\beta$  (outer coord.),  $\Delta p_x^+$  (inner coord.)
  - Shape factor **H**, G (by Clauser)

- Displacement thickness: 
$$\delta^* = \delta^*(x, z) = \int_0^\infty \left(1 - \frac{U}{U_{\text{edge}}}\right) dy$$

- Momentum thickness: 
$$\theta = \theta(x, z) = \int_0^\infty \frac{U}{U_{\text{edge}}} \left(1 - \frac{U}{U_{\text{edge}}}\right) dy$$

- Shape factor (flatness): 
$$H_{12} \equiv H = \frac{\delta^*}{\theta}$$



# Critical value for the shape factor $H$ at separation?

## Experimental + semi-theoretical evidence:

- Paper by Castillo et al. (J. Fluids Eng. 2004)
  - „... one common design criterion for industrial turbine designers to **avoid separation** on compressor blades is to **not allow the shape factor to exceed 2.5...**“
  - „... keep the **shape factor below 2.6 ...**“ to avoid separation

## What about RANS simulations?

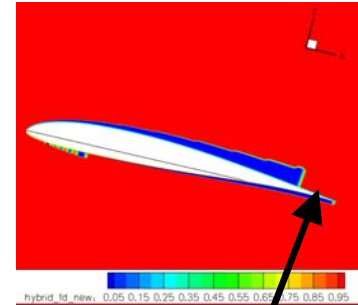
- Is there a critical value for  $H$  at separation?
- $H_{\text{crit}}$  needs to be independent of  $Re$ ,  $Ma$ , test-case (airfoil geometry)

## Additional Question:

Is  $H_{\text{crit}}$  specific for each RANS turbulence model (or independent)?

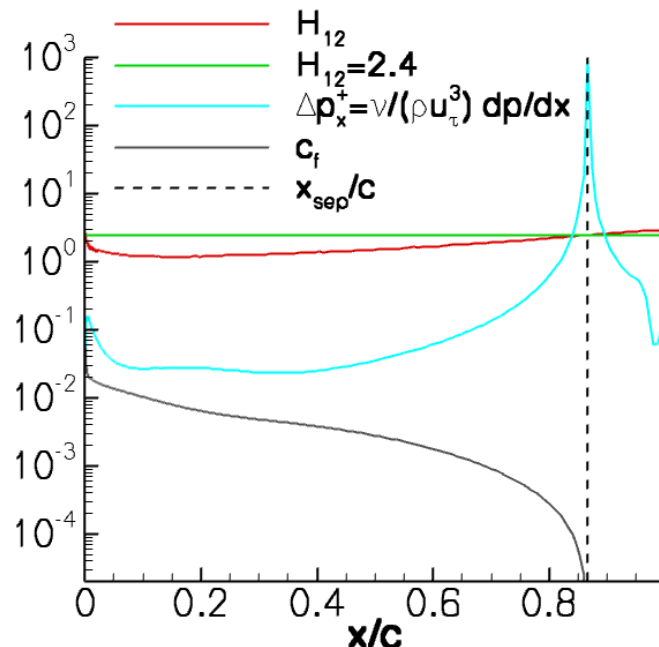
# Critical value for H at the separation point?

- For SA model: Yes,  $H_{crit}=2.4$ 
  - For HGR01 at  $Re=0.65\text{Mio} - 5.2\text{Mio}$ ,  $\alpha=12^\circ-16^\circ$
  - Also for AS-A airfoil and diffuser-flow
- $H < 2.4$ : attached boundary layer flow
- $H > 2.45$ : separation region
- Addition goal: How to detect the vicinity of the separation point?
  - $\Delta p_x^+ > 1$  in the neighbourhood of the separation point



Detect the region of  
flow separation  
=> Switch to LES

HGR01 airfoil at  
 $\alpha=14^\circ$



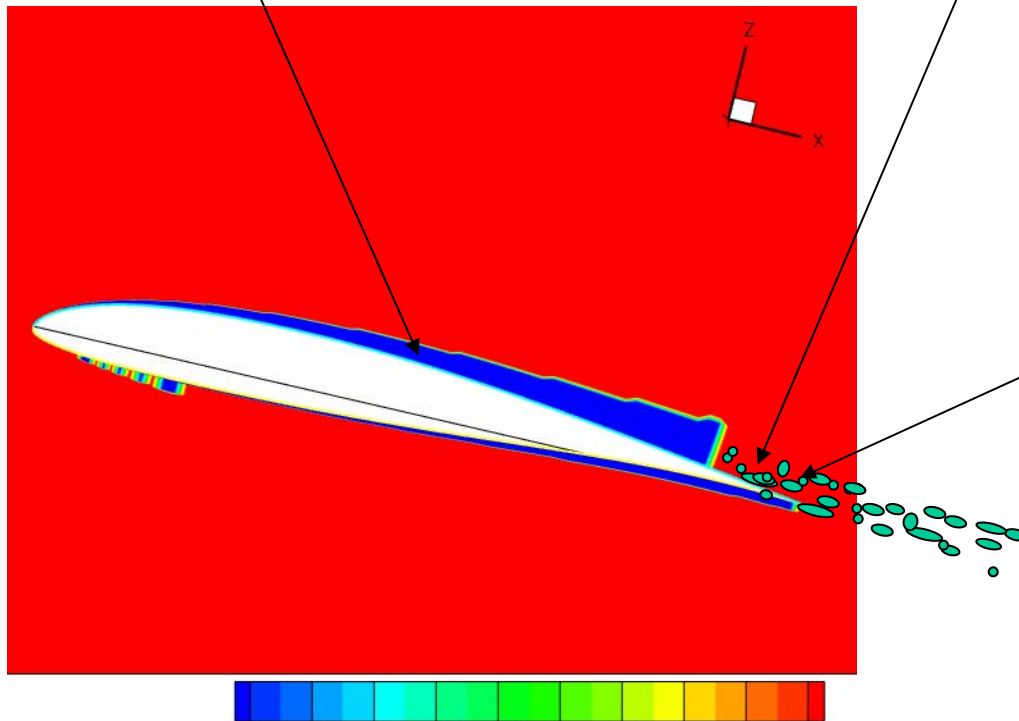
# Aim: Force the generation of turbulent content in the LES region

**Step 1: Detect the entire attached boundary layer**

**Step 2:**

- Detect regions of separated flow
- Switch to LES mode

**Step 3: Force the generation of turbulent content in the LES region**



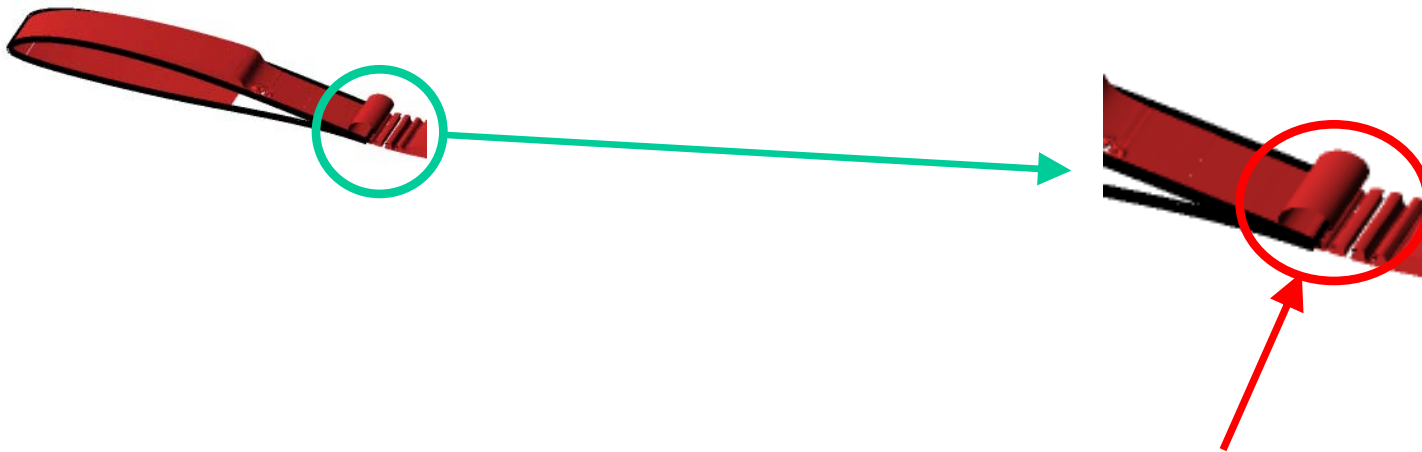
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## Shortcoming 3: Too slow development of turbulent content after separation on a single-element airfoil

➤  $2Q_{inv} = \|\Omega\| - \|S\|$  with  $2\Omega = \text{Grad } U - (\text{Grad } U)^T$ ,  $2S = \text{Grad } U + (\text{Grad } U)^T$

**HGR01 airfoil at  $\alpha=14\text{deg}$**

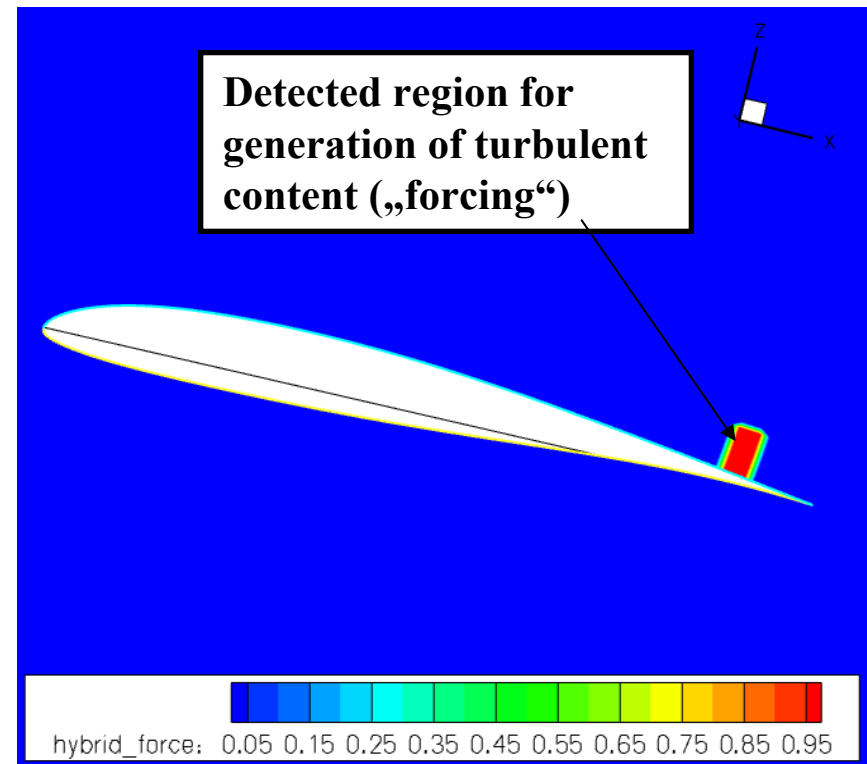
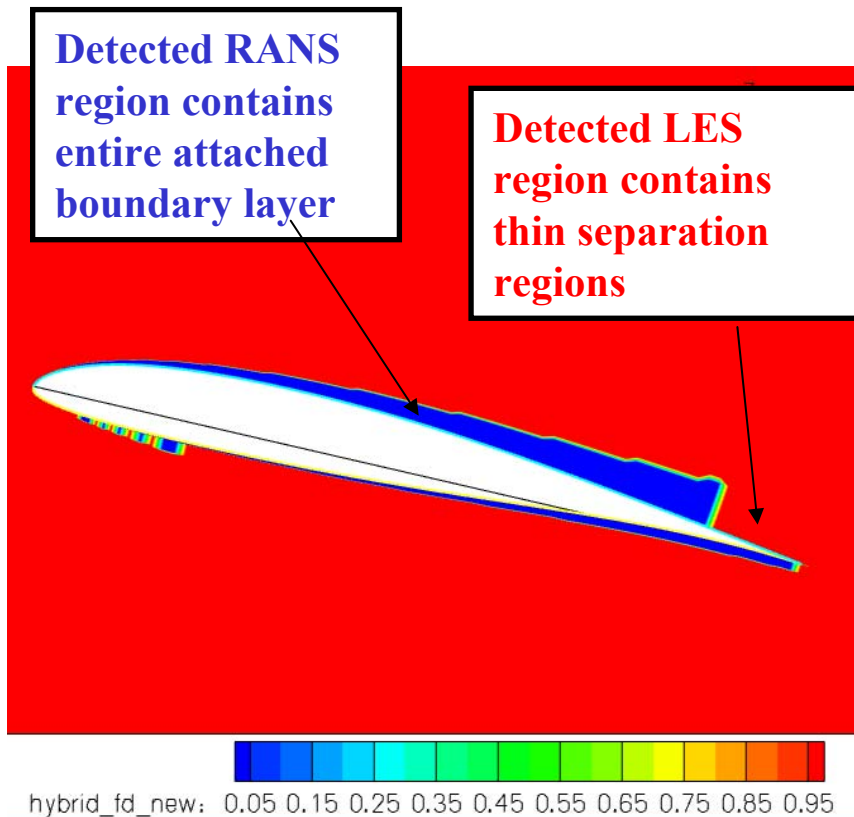
**2D roller characteristic for  
2D URANS (cf. Spalart 2009)**



**Aim: Force the generation of  
turbulent content**

# Conclusion

- **Standard (D)DES not suited for aerodynamic flows with small (incipient) separation**
- **Presentation of a new hybrid RANS-LES method of DES-type**



A photograph of an astronaut in a white spacesuit floating in the blue and white clouds of Earth's atmosphere.

# End of the presentation



A photograph of an astronaut in a white spacesuit floating in the blue void of space, with a white satellite or spacecraft component visible in the upper right corner.

**Review of LES work.**

**LES convergence study  
for grid and time step size.**

**Implications for  
aerospace applications**





# Non-zonal hybrid RANS-LES coupling of DES-type

- (D)DES: Different length scale substitution in Spalart-Allmaras RANS model

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \tilde{\nu} - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left( \frac{\nu + \rho \tilde{\nu}}{\sigma} \vec{\nabla} \tilde{\nu} \right) - \frac{c_{b2}}{\sigma} (\vec{\nabla} \tilde{\nu}) \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \tilde{\nu}) = c_{b1} \tilde{S} \tilde{\nu} - c_{w1} f_w \left( \frac{\tilde{\nu}}{\tilde{d}} \right)^2$$

- DES length scale in SA-DDES:  $\tilde{d} = d_w - f_d \max(0, d_w - C_{DES} \cdot \Delta)$

- This is a hybrid formula which can reduce to the following special cases:

➤ **Formal RANS region:**  $\tilde{d} = d_w$  Spalart-Allmaras RANS model

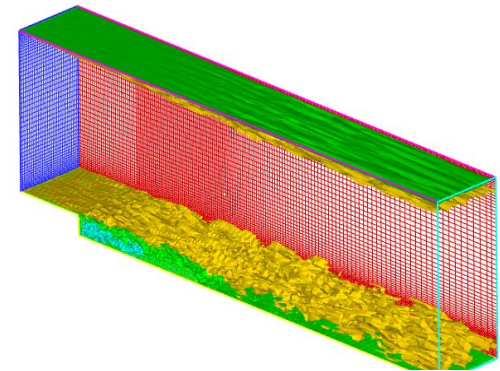
➤ **Formal LES region:**  $\tilde{d} = C_{DES} \cdot \Delta$  „Smagorinsky model“ if left hand side is zero

- Function for RANS-LES switch  $f_d = f_d(\tilde{\nu}, d)$  based on log-layer solution for  $\tilde{\nu}$  in TBL at ZPG
- RANS and LES region are determined by  $f_d$  (and by the mesh)

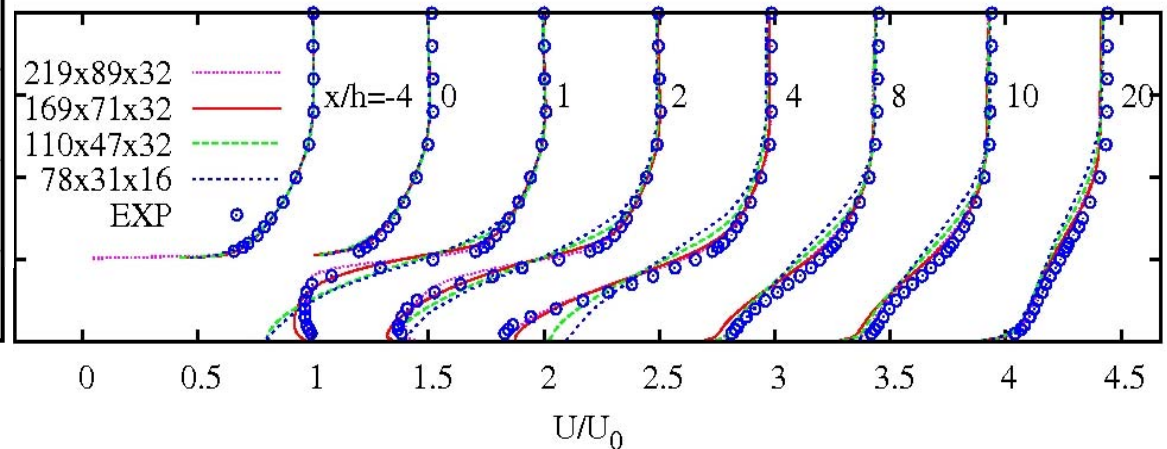
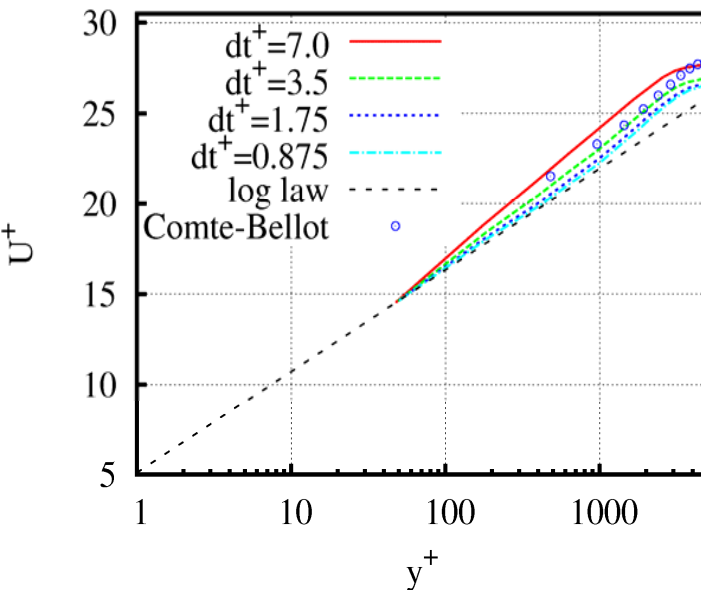
# Costs for LES with near-wall modelling

- Turbulent channel flow at  $Re_\tau=4800$  ( $Re_b=U_b(2b)/\nu=120000$ ,  $b=0.36m$ ,  $U_b=5m/s$ )
- Turbulent flow over backward facing step  $Re_h=37500$ ,  $h=0.0127m$ ,  $U_\infty=44m/s$
- **High accuracy demands typical for aerospace research requires an extremely fine spatial and temporal resolution**

$\Delta t$  with wall-functions  $\sim 4 \Delta t$  for wall-resolved LES



Backward-facing step:  
On finest mesh ( $219 \times 89 \times 32$ ),  
resolution „almost sufficient“



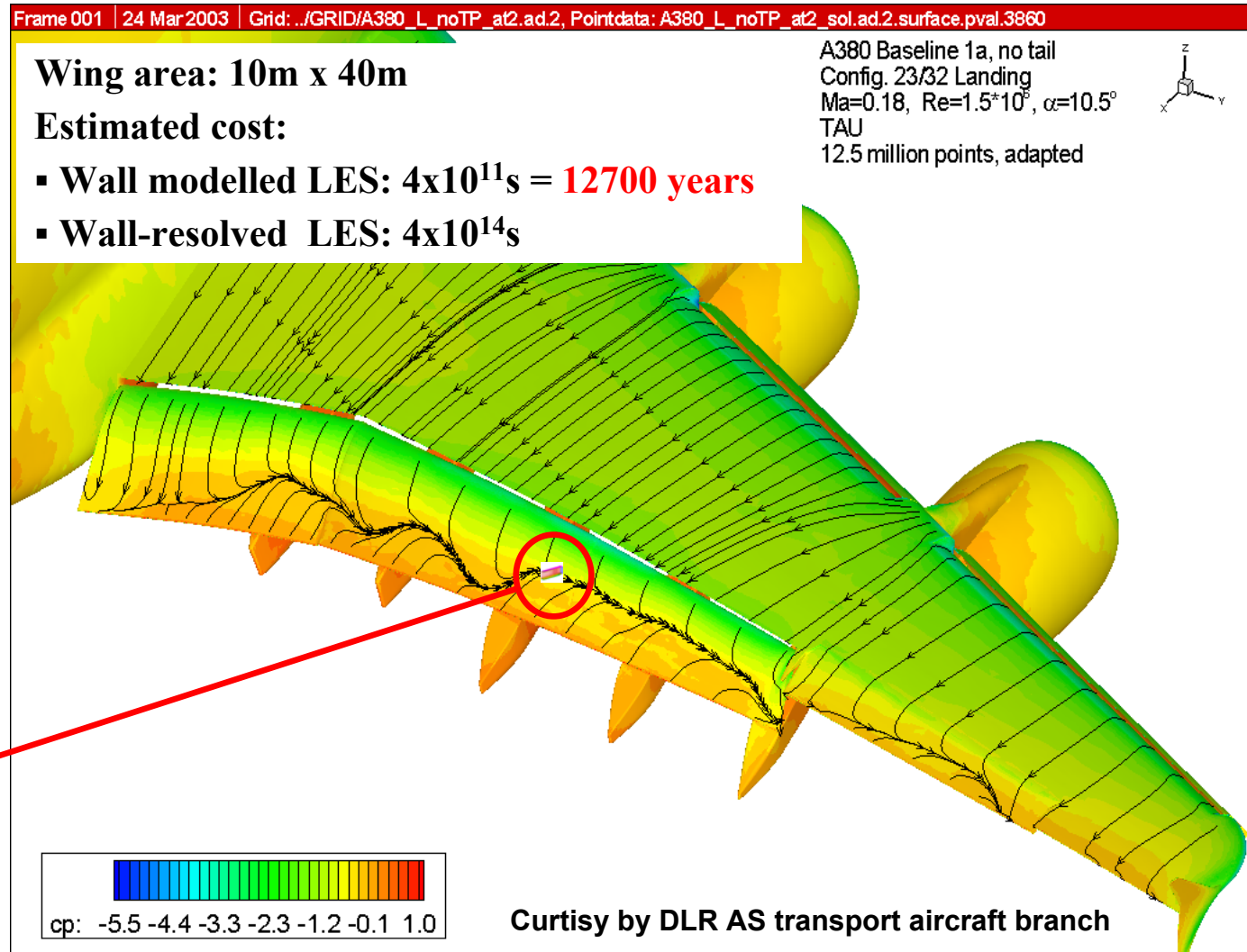
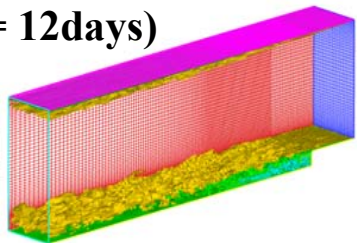


# Estimation of costs for A380 take-off/landing

Attached boundary layer flow with separation on flap of a wing at high-lift „approximated“ by flow over a backward facing step.

LES with wall-functions  
Surface: 0.38m x 0.05m

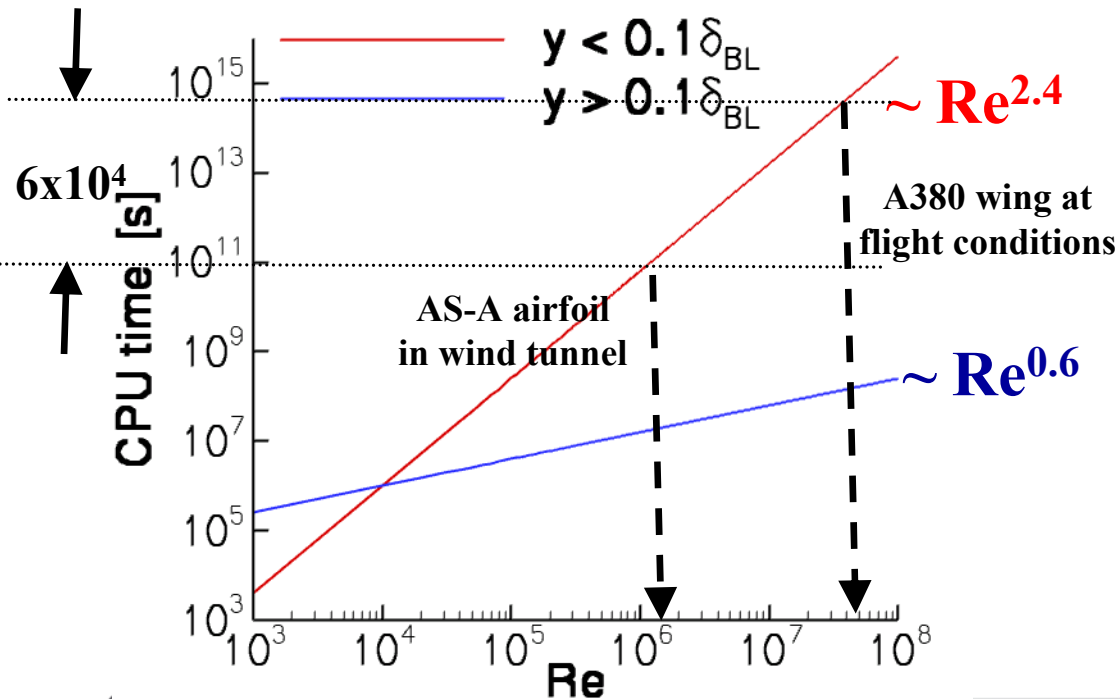
Cost: 10<sup>6</sup>s on single CPU  
(= 12 days)



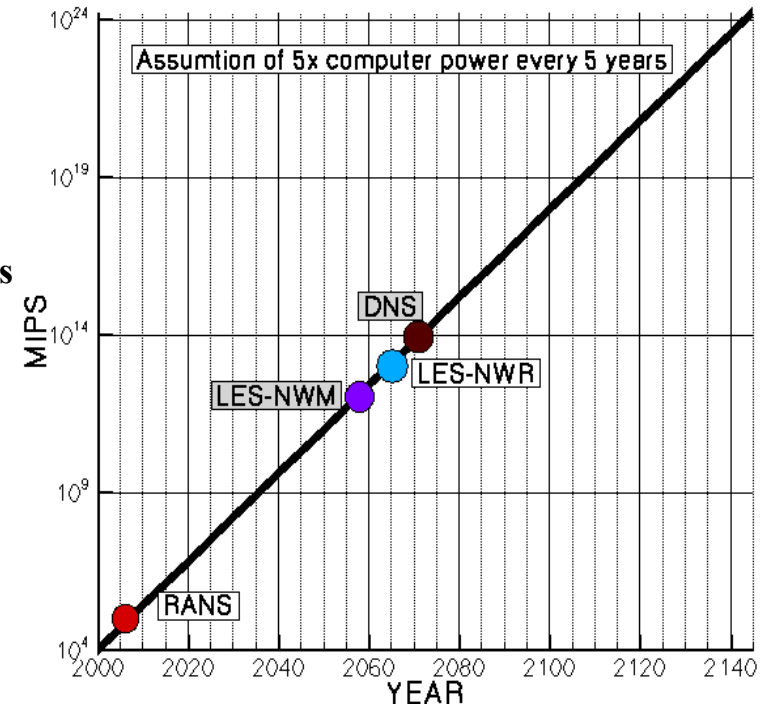
# Infeasibly large computational of wall-resolved LES at high Re

- Estimate by Piomelli (Progress in Aerospace Science, 2008) and Spalart (1997)
- Costs for resolution of near-wall turbulence dominant in high Re flows
- Supposed reason: Resolution of streaks ( $\Delta x^+ \sim 450$ ,  $\Delta z^+ \sim 100$ )

**Conclusion: Treat (attached) boundary layers using RANS**

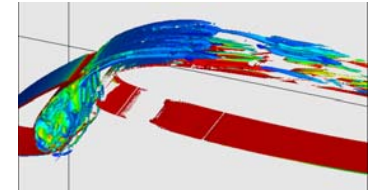


Courtesy by Spalart



# F15 3-element airfoil with prescribed transition. Prediction of shape factor H for wing upper side

$$\delta^* = \delta^*(x, z) = \int_0^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{U}{U_{\text{edge}}}\right) dy$$



➤ For comparison:

- H~1.3 (ZPG turb. BL), H~2.5 (turb. BL separation)
- H~2.6 (Blasius profile, ZPG lam. BL), H~3.5 (lam. BL separation)

